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### EDITORIALS

## NAVAL BASE AT MOUTH OF COL- UMBIA RIVER.

### F.C. Harley Gives Opinion Why.

Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 25,  
1916. (Special.)

F. C. Harley, the man who  
is leading the naval base  
campaign, has carefully  
thought out the question  
from many angles and today  
gives the people of Astoria  
and the Columbia basin his  
candid views thereon. He  
says:

"I am not an alarmist. I  
anticipate no immediate in-  
vasion of this country in  
general nor this coast in par-  
ticular, but since the unher-  
alded, and, to the man in the  
street, unsuspected outbreak  
of hostilities a year ago last  
August, unveiling as it did  
secret alliance after secret  
alliance, preparation after  
preparation, I am very far  
from belonging to that school  
of good people who dwell in  
mental and moral security.  
Please God we will have no  
war. But if it should ever  
become expedient for a na-  
tion or an alliance of na-  
tions to attempt an invasion  
of the United States,—and  
who now can authoritatively  
state that it will not?—if  
that day ever comes, in what  
manner will we be prepared  
to meet the emergency?

"By we, I mean most espe-  
cially we at the portal of the  
Inland Empire. For of all  
points of attack on American  
soil from the Pacific Ocean,  
the Columbia River is the  
most attractive for the very  
simplest of military reasons.

We have spent millions of  
dollars teaching Orientals to  
eat bread. Europeans taught  
us. To the north are vast  
stands of timber, very valu-  
able as building material but  
poor fodder for man or beast.  
To the south is the citrus  
belt. Armies might enjoy  
grape fruit, oranges and lemons  
appetizing, but it is ques-  
tionable whether they could  
fight on a steady diet of cit-  
rus fruit. But straight up  
the Columbia, and reached  
by water grade, lies the great

wheat belt of the Northwest,  
where once established, an  
invading force could grow fat  
and prosecute a campaign  
with astonishing comfort.

"Realizing this, and it is in-  
comprehensible that people  
could not realize it, the ques-  
tion confronts us, what we  
shall do about it? To this  
question, there is to my mind,  
but one answer.

"It is essential that access-  
ible entry to unlimited for-  
age be effectively blocked,  
that the very thought of in-  
vasion of the Columbia basin  
should be made ridicu-  
lous. The method by which  
this may be accomplished is  
being successfully demon-  
strated to the whole world  
by the coast line of Germany.

"The people of Portland  
should recognize this need,  
as should the entire Inland  
Empire, and should back us  
in our efforts to assure our-  
selves of an iron-ribbed pro-  
tection in case of any possi-  
ble contingency. It is not a  
matter of 'pork-barrelling.'  
Rather it is a case of the  
common good of the Pacific  
coast and the United States.  
As the point of the great-  
est danger, the throat of the  
Inland Empire should be  
most thoroughly and con-  
scientiously bulwarked a-  
gainst attack. And further-  
more, it must be!"

## SPRAY - MONU- MENT MAIL ROUTE

According to the Heppner Herald  
the Heppner-Hardman mail route  
is, thru the Heppner Commercial  
Club, likely to be reestablished  
to Monument. The department  
has agreed to reestablish the  
route, provided it can be done for  
\$2,200.

Some time ago, a mail route a-  
long the river from Spray to Monu-  
ment was proposed, a petition  
circulated and forwarded to the  
department, and there it stopped.  
No one took enough interest in  
the matter to present the neces-  
sity of this route thru the Repre-  
sentative or otherwise, so that  
was the end of the matter. Now  
that the reestablishment of the  
Hardman-Monument route is rea-  
sonably certain, the advantage to  
be gained from this route has in-  
creased and with the continually  
growing settlement along the river,  
the necessity for the establish-  
ment of this route is becoming  
to be almost imperative. There  
are, at present, at least 29 settlers  
along the river between Spray and  
Monument, that would be served  
by this route, besides those who  
live back from the route but near  
enough to be served by it.

As it is less than 30 miles from  
Spray to Monument the cost of  
carrying the mail would not be  
great and it would be a much  
needed help to the people here  
and along the river.

Notice for Publication.  
Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon  
December 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Frank  
Mitchell of Monument, Oregon, who  
on Dec. 4th 1909 made Homestead  
Entry No. 06513 for the NW 1/4 Section  
8, Township 9 South, Range 26 East  
Willamette Meridian, has filed notice  
of his intention to make Final Five  
Year proof, to establish claim to the  
land above described before David E.  
Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray,  
Oregon, on the 15th day of February,  
1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Emmett Cochran and Joe M. Simas of  
Monument, Oregon, Hamp McGinnis  
and Earl Cannon of Spray, Oregon.  
H. Frank Woodcock, Register.  
16-2-19

Notice for Publication.  
Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.  
Dec. 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Lena  
Kaser whose post-office address is  
Antelope, Oregon, did on the 13th  
day of April, 1914, file in this office  
sworn statement and application No.  
012876 to purchase the E 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec-  
tion 8, Township 11 South, Range  
19 East, Willamette  
Meridian, and the timber thereon,  
under the provisions of the act of June  
3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known  
as the "Timber and Stone Law," at  
such value as might be fixed by ap-  
praisalment, and that pursuant to such  
application, the land and timber  
thereon have been appraised at \$410  
the timber estimated \$10,000; board  
feet at \$1 per M. and the land \$70.00,  
that said applicant will offer final  
proof in support of his application and  
sworn statement on the 9th day of  
March, 1916 before H. C. Rooper, U. S.  
Commissioner at Antelope, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest  
this purchase before entry, or initiate  
a contest at any time before patent  
issues, by filing a corroborated affi-  
davit in this office, alleging facts  
which would defeat the entry.  
H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register  
19-3-9

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior.  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.  
January 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Roy B.  
Shoun of Spray, Oregon, who on Feb-  
ruary 18th 1911 made Homestead  
Entry No. 08150 and on March 12th  
1914 made additional Homestead  
Entry No. 012954 for NW 1/4 Sec-  
tion 19, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec-  
tion 20, Township 8 South Range 25  
East, Willamette Meridian, has filed  
notice of intention to make final three  
year proof, to establish claim to the  
land above described, before David E.  
Baxter, U. S. Commissioner at Spray,  
Oregon, on the 26th day of Feb, 1916.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Fred  
A. Hale, Frank Robinson, Ira F. Reed,  
Daniel A. Hawes all of Spray, Oregon.  
Frank H. Woodcock, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Isolated Tract.  
Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.  
Dec. 4, 1915

Notice is hereby given that, as di-  
rected by the commissioner of the  
General Land office, under provisions  
of Sec. 3455, R. S., pursuant to the  
application of Jane R. Donnelly, Ser-  
ial No. 014450, we will offer at public  
sale, to the highest bidder, but not  
less than \$1.25 per acre, at 10-15 o'  
clock A. M. on the 8th day of Febru-  
ary, next, at this office, the following  
tract of land: W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 32,  
Township 9, South Range 23, East  
Willamette Meridian (80 Acres).  
"This tract is ordered into the mar-  
ket on a showing that the greater  
portion thereof is mountainous or too  
rough for cultivation."  
The sale will not be kept open, but  
will be declared closed when the pre-  
sent at the hour named have ceased  
bidding. The person making this  
highest bid will be required to imme-  
diately pay to the Receiver the a-  
mount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the  
above-described land is advised to  
file their claims, or objections, on or  
before the time designated for sale.  
L. A. Booth, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior  
United States Land Office, The Dalles,  
Oregon, January 14th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Eula  
Wills, whose post-office address is  
Richmond, Oregon, did on the 5th day  
of April 1915 file in this office Sworn  
Statement and Application No. 014096  
to purchase the N 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4,  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 17, Township 9  
South, Range 22 East, Willamette  
Meridian, and the timber thereon,  
under the provisions of the act of  
June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory,  
known as the Timber and Stone Law,  
at such value as might be fixed by  
appraisalment, and that, pursuant to  
such application, the land and timber  
thereon have been appraised \$400.00,  
the timber estimated 195 000 \$195.00  
board feet at \$1.00 per M, 600 posts  
5 cts at \$30, and the land \$175.00;  
that said applicant will offer final  
proof in support of his application  
and sworn statement on the 25th day  
of March 1916, before Scott Sasser,  
County Clerk, at Fossil, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest  
this purchase before entry, or initiate  
a contest, at any time before patent  
issues, by filing a corroborated affi-  
davit in this office, alleging facts  
which would defeat the entry.  
H. Frank Woodcock, Register.  
20-3-23

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